



# HF Happenings 785

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## SOTA Summit to Summit Europe to Australia and beyond on 10 March

In Summits on the Air (SOTA), one of the more difficult and therefore challenging actions is to communicate from one summit to another usually using low power and a simple antenna at both ends. Add to that distance and poor propagation and the challenge is enormous.

This will not deter over 30 SOTA activators who are planning to climb again this year to summits in Europe, Canada, South Africa, Australia, New Zealand and Japan on Saturday 10 March. In time for long path propagation between Europe and Asia Pacific.

The summit to summit (or S-2-S) event will start around 06:30 UTC – for Long Path between Europe and Australia over the following 90 minutes or so. Despite predicted poor propagation there are from time to time openings even at the bottom of the solar cycle. It is the first time that South Africa is joining in and while contacts from there to Europe are unlikely, contacts over to Australia may take place.

The organisers, Mike, 2E0YYY, Andrew, VK1AD, and Ed, DD5LP, are hopeful that as well as several S2S contacts within the regions, contacts between regions will be possible. The best chance will be stations using CW however those using SSB will be trying hard as well.

For anyone wanting to join the party, either as an activator on a summit or a chaser, home station, discussions can be found on the "reflector.sota.org.uk" web site.

These events are organised by individuals within the SOTA community, so it just shows how much fun can be had based simply on an idea, choosing a date and a loooong walk up a hill on possibly a freezing morning! (If you are in the northern hemisphere!)



You can now download your copy of HF Happenings from [www.sarl.org.za/hf\\_happenings.asp](http://www.sarl.org.za/hf_happenings.asp)

### March

- 5 - Closing date for Digital contest logs
- 8 - International Women's Day
- 10 and 11 - SARL VHF/UHF Analogue contest; 82<sup>nd</sup> RSGB Commonwealth contest
- 12 - Closing date for Hamnet logs
- 19 - Closing date VHF/UHF Analogue logs
- 20 - Autumn Equinox; International Day of Happiness
- 21 - SA Human Right's Day; World Down Syndrome Day; International Day of Forests
- 22 - World Water Day
- 23 - World Meteorological Day
- 24 - Cape Town ARC meeting
- 24 and 25 - CQ WPX SSB Contest
- 26 - Closing date for April Radio ZS
- 28 - Provincial schools close
- 30 - Good Friday/Pesach
- 31 - Pesach

### April

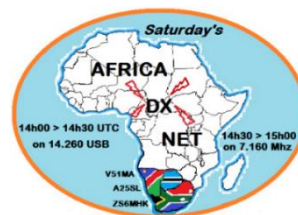
- 1 to 7 - Pesach
- 2 - Family Day; World Autism Awareness Day
- 5 - SARL 80 m QSO Party
- 7 - RaDAR Challenge; United Nations World Health Day
- 7 and 8 - SARL VHF/UHF Digital Contest
- 10 - Provincial Schools open
- 12 - International Day for Human Space Flight; closing date for 80 m QSO logs
- 13 - *Friggatriskaidophobia*
- 13 to 15 - SARL National Convention, Pretoria
- 14 - closing date for RaDAR logs
- 16 - closing date for VHF/UHF digital logs
- 18 - World Amateur Radio Day
- 21 - Autumn QRP contest
- 22 - ZS4 Sprint; May RAE registration closes; Earth Day
- 24 - closing date for May Radio ZS
- 27 - Freedom Day
- 28 - Cape Town ARC meeting; closing date for QRP logs
- 30 - closing date for ZS4 logs

The ZS SOTA database has been extensively updated, visit [www.sota.org.uk](http://www.sota.org.uk) and look for a summit in your area to activate on 10 March.

## African DX

*Contacts with stations on the African continent count towards the SARL's All Africa Award ([www.sarl.org.za/public/awards/awards.asp](http://www.sarl.org.za/public/awards/awards.asp))*

Cameroon, TJ. TJ3TT is the call sign issued to the Italian DXpedition Team for their forthcoming expedition to Cameroon. The dates are 15 to 29 March and six operators - Mac, JA3USA, Silvano, I2YSB, Vinicio, IK2CIO, Angelo, IK2CKR, Marcello, IK2DIA and Stefano, IK2HKT- will be active on 160 to 10 metres CW and SSB with three stations; RTTY will be used on 20 metres only. Fred, IK7JWY, will be the HF pilot station. QSL via I2YSB and eventually LoTW. More information, including a band and mode survey, real-time log search and OQRS for direct cards, can be found at <http://www.i2ysb.com/idx/>. Updates will be posted to a dedicated forum on [www.hamradioweb.net](http://www.hamradioweb.net).



Malawi 7Q7EI. Dave, EI9FBB, informs on 28 February, "With just 3 weeks to go before our departure, all preparations are now complete for our forthcoming DXpedition to Malawi. Our 7Q7EI license is in hand, our 14-man team is complete, station design is complete, flight tickets are paid for and our hotel are excitedly awaiting for our arrival.

Be sure to check out our VOACAP propagation prediction tool to your exact QTH, but right now, propagation looks favourable to most areas. Up to 5 stations will be active on all HF bands from 160 to 10 m on CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8! The 7Q7EI team will also participate in the upcoming CQ WPX SSB contest in the Multi Multi category. Thanks to those who have already supported our DXpedition and remember, whoever donates over \$20 will receive a FREE QSL card... it's our way of saying thanks! See <http://7q7ei.com/support>  
Please keep an eye on our website as this will be updated on a regular basis now as we begin our travels.  
See you in the pile-ups..... vy 73 de 7Q7EI Team"

There are four ways to QSL. QSL via M0OXO, direct or via his OQRS (direct or Bureau). Entire log will not be uploaded to LoTW for possibly up to 3 months. The team now has a Web page at <http://www.7q7ei.com>

Senegal, 6W. Franz, DC4CQ, will be active as 6W/DC4CQ from Senegal between 14 and 28 April. Activity will be on 40 to 15 metres using SSB. QSL via his home call sign.

## African Islands

IOTA frequencies

CW: 28 040 24 920 21 040 18 098 14 040 10 114 7 030 3 530 kHz

SSB: 28 560 28 460 24 950 21 260 18 128 14 260 7 055 3 760 kHz

Angola, D2. The D2TI DXpedition to Tigres Island (AF-108) has been cancelled "due to a whole host of ongoing factors". A Russian team had already purchased their flights "with an aim to be active mid-March for about a week", but the local airline company "is unreliable and seems to be going bankrupt. It does not appear that AF-108 will be activated anytime soon, as together with airline issues, there is a vast problem with local logistics and help".

Mauritius, 3B8. Nigel, G3TXF will be active as 3B8XF from Mauritius (AF-049) on for the RSGB Commonwealth (BERU) Contest on 10 and 11 March. QSL via LoTW and Club Log's OQRS.

Saint Brandon, 3B7. Two 3B7A team members will set sail from Mauritius for Saint Brandon on 3 April. They will be in charge "of all equipment transit operations, as well as identifying the location for all antennas, stations, generators, etc." The rest of the team will leave on 5 April. Plans are to be active as soon as possible, but "do not expect any QSO before the entire team is on the island". Five stations will be in use, with "priority given to the areas with the shortest and most difficult openings" (see the propagation predictions page on <http://www.saintbrandondx.com>). 3B7A will operate CW, SSB and RTTY on 160 to 10 metres (60 m excluded). The team has decided "not to bring any antenna for 6 m. Conditions are so bad that it would be a waste of time for just a few or no contact at all. No antenna for 6 m also means no try for EME". QSL via Club Log's OQRS (direct

or bureau) or via F5CWU (direct or bureau); LoTW for all contacts about six months after the end of the DXpedition.

### The worsening Cosmic Ray situation

Cosmic Rays are bad - and they are getting worse. That is the conclusion of a new paper just published in the research journal Space Weather. During the past decade, cosmic rays in the solar system have reached levels never seen in the Space Age and now, according to data from a cosmic ray telescope in orbit around the Moon, radiation levels are increasing even faster than previously predicted. Visit today's edition of Space-weather.com for more information about this phenomenon and how it affects us on Earth <https://space-weather.us11.list-manage.com/track/click?u=0c5fce34d5ca05f64a13d085d&id=920790f04e&e=f98eeb7cd6>.

### DXCC Most Wanted

The 'DXCC Most Wanted' entities list has been updated on ClubLog as of 1 March. The list contains 340 entities and here are the top 10 entities:

1. P5 DPRK (North Korea)
2. 3Y/B Bouvet Island
3. FT5/W Crozet Island
4. CE0X San Felix Islands
5. KH1 Baker Howland Islands
6. BS7H Scarborough Reef
7. BV9P Pratas Island
8. KH7K Kure Island
9. KH3 Johnston Island
10. VK0M Macquarie Island

The complete "DXCC Most Wanted" entities list is available at <https://secure.clublog.org/most-wanted.php>

### Contest Calendar

This week's contests as compiled by Bruce Horn, WA7BNM. The period covered is 5 to 12 March 2018

#### Novice Rig Roundup

00:00 UTC 3 March to 23:59 UTC 11 March

Geographic Focus: United States

Participation: Worldwide

Mode: CW

Bands: 80, 40, 15, 10, 2 m

Classes: Novice 1 (xtal control); Novice 2 (VFO control)

Max power: Novice 2: legal limit; Novice 1: 75 watts input

Exchange: RST, QTH, name and class

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: (see rules)

Multipliers: Each state, province and country

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 9 April 2018

E-mail logs to: (none)

Upload log at: <http://novicerigroundup.com/nrr-Log2018/login1.php>

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: <http://novicerigroundup.com/>

RSGB 80 m Club Championship, Data

20:00 - 21:30 UTC 5 March

Geographic Focus: United Kingdom

Participation: Worldwide

Awards: United Kingdom

Mode: RTTY, PSK

Bands: 80 m Only

Classes: (none)

Exchange: RST and serial no

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO

Multipliers: (none)

Score Calculation: (see rules)

Submit logs by: 23:59 UTC 6 March 2018

Upload log at: <http://www.rsgbcc.org/cgi-bin/hfenter.pl>

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at:

[http://www.rsgbcc.org/hf/rules/2018/r80\\_mcc.shtml](http://www.rsgbcc.org/hf/rules/2018/r80_mcc.shtml)

ARS Spartan Sprint

02:00 - 04:00 UTC 6 March

Geographic Focus: North America

Participation: Worldwide

Mode: CW

Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m

Classes: Skinny; Tubby

Max power: 5 watts

Exchange: RST, state, province or country and power

Work stations: Once per band

Submit logs by: 8 March 2018

E-mail logs to: [spartansprint@yahoo.com](mailto:spartansprint@yahoo.com)

Mail logs to: (none)  
 Find rules at: <http://arsgrp.blog-spot.com/2009/02/so-whats-spartan-sprint-and-how-do-i.html>

AGCW YL-CW Party  
 19:00 - 21:00 UTC 6 March  
 Geographic Focus: Europe  
 Participation: Worldwide  
 Mode: CW  
 Bands: 80 m Only  
 Classes: YL; OM; SWL  
 Exchange: YL: RST, serial no, YL and name; OM: RST, serial no, / and name  
 QSO Points: 1 point per YL - OM QSO; 2 points per YL - YL QSO; 0 points per OM - OM QSO; Extra Points: 1 point per country worked  
 Multipliers: (none)  
 Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points and extra points  
 Submit logs by: 31 March 2018  
 E-mail logs to: [dl6kcr@web.de](mailto:dl6kcr@web.de)  
 Mail logs to: Dr. Roswitha Otto, DL6KCR, St. Nikolaus Str. 26, D-52396 Heimbach, Germany  
 Find rules at: <http://www.agcw.org/index.php/en/contests-and-cw-activities/yl-cw-party>

QRP Fox Hunt  
 02:00 UTC-03:30 UTC 7 March  
 Geographic Focus: United States  
 Participation: Worldwide  
 Mode: CW  
 Bands: 40 m Only  
 Classes: Single Op - fox or hound  
 Max power: 5 watts  
 Exchange: RST, state, province or country, name and power output  
 QSO Points: 1 point per QSO  
 Multipliers: (none)  
 Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points  
 Submit logs by: 03:30 UTC 8 March 2018  
 E-mail logs to: (see rules)  
 Mail logs to: (none)  
 Find rules at: <http://www.qrpfoxhunt.org/winter-rules.htm>

Phone Fray  
 02:30 UTC-03:00 UTC 7 March  
 Geographic Focus: North America  
 Participation: Worldwide  
 Mode: SSB  
 Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15 m  
 Classes: Single Op  
 Max power: 100 watts  
 Exchange: NA: Name and state, province or country; non-NA: Name  
 Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: NA station: 1 point per QSO; non-NA station: 1 point per QSO with an NA station  
 Multipliers: Each US state (including KH6/KL7) once per band; Each VE province/territory once per band; Each North American country (except W/VE) once per band  
 Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults  
 Submit logs by: 03:00 UTC 9 March 2018  
 E-mail logs to: (none)  
 Post log summary at: <http://www.3830scores.com>  
 Mail logs to: (none)  
 Find rules at: [http://www.perluma.com/Phone\\_Fray\\_Contest\\_Rules.pdf](http://www.perluma.com/Phone_Fray_Contest_Rules.pdf)

CWops Mini-CWT Test  
 13:00 - 14:00 UTC and 19:00 - 20:00 UTC 7 March and 03:00 - 04:00 UTC 8 March  
 Geographic Focus: Worldwide  
 Participation: Worldwide  
 Awards: Worldwide  
 Mode: CW  
 Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m  
 Classes: Single Op - QRP, low or high  
 Max power: HP: >100 watts; LP: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts  
 Exchange: Member: Name and member no; non-Member: Name and state, province or country  
 Work stations: Once per band  
 QSO Points: 1 point per QSO  
 Multipliers: Each call once  
 Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults  
 Submit logs by: 04:00 UTC 10 March 2018  
 Post log summary at: <http://www.3830scores.com>  
 Mail logs to: (none)  
 Find rules at: <http://www.cwops.org/cwt.html>

UKEICC 80 m Contest  
 20:00 - 21:00 UTC 7 March  
 Geographic Focus: Europe  
 Participation: Worldwide  
 Mode: SSB  
 Bands: 80 m Only  
 Classes: Single Op Connected - QRP, low or high; Single Op Unconnected - QRP, low or high  
 Max power: HP: 1 500 watts; LP: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts  
 Exchange: 4-Character grid square  
 QSO Points: 1 point per 500 km; multiply QSO points by 2 if low power station; multiply QSO points by 4 if QRP station  
 Multipliers: (none)  
 Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points  
 Submit logs by: 22:00 UTC 7 March 2018  
 E-mail logs to: (none)

Upload log at: <http://logs.ukeicc.com/cgi-bin/hfenter.pl>

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: <http://www.ukeicc.com/which-contest/which-contest-ukeicc-80-m-contests-rules>

AWA John Rollins Memorial DX Contest

23:00 UTC 7 March to 23:00 UTC 8 March and 23:00 UTC 10 March to 23:00 UTC 11 March

Geographic Focus: United States

Participation: Worldwide

Mode: CW

Bands: 40, 20 m

Classes: (none)

Exchange: RST, Eqpt Type and Eqpt Year

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: (see rules)

Multipliers: (see rules)

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points

Submit logs by: 1 April 2018

E-mail logs to: [w1zb@arrl.net](mailto:w1zb@arrl.net)

Mail logs to: Jerry Reine, W1ZB, 5 Tobey Lane, Andover, MA 01810, USA

Find rules at: <http://www.antiquewireless.org/awa-john-rollins-memorial-dx-contest.html>

NCCC RTTY Sprint

01:45 - 02:15 UTC 9 March

Geographic Focus: North America

Participation: Worldwide

Mode: RTTY

Bands: (see rules)

Classes: (none)

Exchange: Serial no, name and QTH

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 11 March 2018

E-mail logs to: (none)

Post log summary at: <http://www.3830scores.com/>

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: <http://www.ncccsprint.com/rttyns.html>

QRP Fox Hunt

02:00 - 03:30 UTC 9 March

Geographic Focus: United States

Participation: Worldwide

Mode: CW

Bands: 80 m Only

Classes: Single Op - fox or hound

Max power: 5 watts

Exchange: RST, state, province or country, name and power output

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO

Multipliers: (none)

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points

Submit logs by: 03:30 UTC 10 March 2018

E-mail logs to: (see rules)

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: [http://www.grpfoxhunt.org/winter\\_rules.htm](http://www.grpfoxhunt.org/winter_rules.htm)

NCCC Sprint

02:30 - 03:00 UTC 9 March

Geographic Focus: North America

Participation: Worldwide

Mode: CW

Bands: (see rules)

Classes: (none)

Exchange: Serial no, name and QTH

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 11 March 2018

E-mail logs to: (none)

Post log summary at: <http://www.3830scores.com/>

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: <http://www.ncccsprint.com/rules.html>

SARL VHF/UHF Analogue Contest

10:00 UTC 10 March to 10:00 UTC 11 March

Geographic Focus: Southern Africa

Participation: Southern Africa

Awards: Southern Africa

Mode: Analog - CW, SSB, AM and/or FM

Bands: 50 MHz, 70 MHz, 144 MHz, 432 MHz, 1 296 MHz

Classes: Base – analogue; Field – analogue;

Club/Multi-Op – analogue; 4-Hour Limited - analogue

Exchange: RS and 6-character grid locator

Work stations: Once per band

Score Calculation: (see rules)

Submit logs by: 2 April 2018

E-mail logs to: [contest@sarl.org.za](mailto:contest@sarl.org.za)

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: <http://www.sarl.org.za/Web3/Members/DoDocDownload.aspx?X=201712180812348XdiUz5yFy.PDF>

RSGB Commonwealth Contest

10:00 UTC 10 March to 10:00 UTC 11 March

Geographic Focus: United Kingdom and Commonwealth

Participation: United Kingdom and Commonwealth

Awards: United Kingdom and Commonwealth

Mode: CW

Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m

Classes: Single Op Open - 12 or 24 - assisted or unassisted; Single Op Restricted - 12 or 24 - assisted or unassisted; Single Op QRP - assisted or unassisted; Multi-Op; HQ

Max power: Open: >100 watts; Restricted: 100 watts;

QRP: 5 watts

Exchange: RST and serial no



QSO Points: 5 points per QSO; 20 additional points for each of first three QSOs with a Commonwealth Area or HQ station per band  
Multipliers: (none)  
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points  
Submit logs by: 16 March 2018  
Upload log at: <http://www.rsgbcc.org/cgi-bin/hfenter.pl>  
Mail logs to: (none)  
Find rules at: <http://www.rsgbcc.org/hf/rules/2018/rberu.shtml>

SKCC Weekend Sprintathon  
12:00 UTC 10 March to 24:00 UTC 11 March  
Geographic Focus: Worldwide  
Participation: Worldwide  
Awards: Worldwide  
Mode: CW  
Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6 m  
Classes: (none)  
Max operating hours: 24  
Exchange: RST, state, province or country, name and SKCC no or NONE  
Work stations: Once per band  
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO  
Bonus Points: (see rules)  
Multipliers: Each state, province, or country once  
Score Calculation: Total score = (total QSO points x total mults) and bonus points  
Submit logs by: 18 March 2018  
Post log summary at: [http://www.skccgroup.com/operating\\_activities/weekend\\_sprintathon/submit-display.php](http://www.skccgroup.com/operating_activities/weekend_sprintathon/submit-display.php)  
Mail logs to: (none)  
Find rules at: [http://www.skccgroup.com/operating\\_activities/weekend\\_sprintathon/](http://www.skccgroup.com/operating_activities/weekend_sprintathon/)

F9AA SSB Cup  
12:00 UTC 10 March to 12:00 UTC 11 March  
Geographic Focus: Worldwide  
Participation: Worldwide  
Mode: SSB  
Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 2 m  
Classes: >100 W; >10 – 100 W; 10 W  
Exchange: RST and serial no  
Work stations: Once per band  
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO with individual; 5 points per QSO with club; Bonus: 50 points for each QSO with F8URC  
Multipliers: (see rules)  
Score Calculation: Total score = (total QSO points x total mults) and bonus points  
Submit logs by: 10 April 2018  
E-mail logs to: [concoursf9aa@urc.asso.fr](mailto:concoursf9aa@urc.asso.fr)  
Mail logs to: (none)  
Find rules at: <http://www.site.urc.asso.fr/index.php/urchaut-6/om-6/131-trophee-f9aa>

South America 10 Meter Contest  
12:00 UTC 10 March to 12:00 UTC 11 March  
Geographic Focus: Worldwide  
Participation: Worldwide  
Awards: Worldwide  
Mode: CW, SSB  
Bands: 10 m Only  
Classes: Single Op - QRP, low or high(CW/SSB/Mixed); Multi-Single  
Max power: HP: 1 500 watts; LP: 150 watts; QRP: 5 watts  
Exchange: RS(T) and CQ zone  
QSO Points: 4 points per QSO SA station; 2 points per QSO with non-SA station in other country; 2 points per QSO with /MM or /AM; 0 points per QSO with station in same country  
Multipliers: SA: each non-SA prefix; non-SA: each SA prefix; Each CQ zone  
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults  
Submit logs by: 26 March 2018  
E-mail logs to: [logs@sa10\\_m.com.ar](mailto:logs@sa10_m.com.ar)  
Mail logs to: (none)  
Find rules at: [http://sa10\\_m.com.ar/cqsa10\\_m\\_rules.html](http://sa10_m.com.ar/cqsa10_m_rules.html)

AGCW QRP Contest  
14:00 - 20:00 UTC 10 March  
Geographic Focus: Europe  
Participation: Worldwide  
Mode: CW  
Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m  
Classes: Single Op Only  
Max power: VLP: 1 watt or less; QRP: 5 watts or less; MP: 25 watts or less; QRO: >25 watts  
Exchange: RST, QSO no, class (power) and AGCW member no or NM if not a member  
QSO Points: 0 points per QSO for QRO – QRO; 3 points per QSO for QRP - VLP, VLP - QRP, VLP - VLP, QRP – QRP; 2 points per QSO for all others  
Multipliers: 1 per AGCW member per band  
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults  
Submit logs by: 31 March 2018  
E-mail logs to: [qrptest@agcw.de](mailto:qrptest@agcw.de)  
Mail logs to: (none)  
Find rules at: <http://www.agcw.org/index.php/en/contests-and-cw-activities/qrp-contest>

Stew Perry Topband Challenge  
15:00 UTC 10 March to 15:00 UTC 11 March  
Geographic Focus: Worldwide  
Participation: Worldwide  
Awards: Worldwide  
Mode: CW  
Bands: 160 m Only

Classes: Single Op; Multi-Op  
Max operating hours: 14 hours  
Max power: HP: >100 watts; LP: 5 - 100 watts; QRP: <5 watts  
Exchange: 4-Character grid square  
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO plus 1 point per 500 km; multiply QSO points by 2 if low power station; multiply QSO points by 4 if QRP station  
Multipliers: (none)  
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x power multiplier  
Submit logs by: 26 March 2018  
E-mail logs to: [tbd@kkn.net](mailto:tbd@kkn.net)  
Mail logs to: BARC, 15125 SE Bartell Rd, Boring, OR 97009, USA  
Find rules at: <http://www.kkn.net/stew/>

Oklahoma QSO Party  
15:00 UTC 10 March to 02:00 UTC 11 March and 14:00 - 21:00 UTC 11 March  
Geographic Focus: United States/Canada state/province QSO party  
Participation: Worldwide  
Mode: CW, Phone, Digital  
Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6 m  
Classes: Single Op Fixed - CW, phone or mixed - QRP, low or high; Multi-Single - CW, phone or mixed; Multi-Multi - CW, phone or mixed; Mobile Single Op - CW, phone or mixed; Mobile Assisted - CW, phone or mixed; Mobile Unlimited - CW, phone or mixed  
Max power: HP: >100 watts; LP: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts  
Exchange: OK: RS(T) and County; non-OK: RS(T) and state, province or country  
Work stations: Once per band per mode  
QSO Points: 2 points per phone QSO; 3 points per Digital/CW QSO; Bonus points: (see rules)  
Multipliers: OK: Each state, province, OK county, DXCC country; non-OK: OK counties once  
Score Calculation: Total score = (total QSO points x total mults) and bonus points  
Submit logs by: 13 April 2018  
E-mail logs to: [okqlogs@suddenlink.net](mailto:okqlogs@suddenlink.net)  
Mail logs to: Oklahoma QSO Party, Connie Marshall, K5CM, 2991 S. Woodland Rd., Muskogee, OK 74403, USA  
Find rules at: <http://k5cm.com/okqp2018rules.pdf>

EA PSK63 Contest  
16:00 UTC 10 March to 16:00 UTC 11 March  
Geographic Focus: Worldwide  
Participation: Worldwide  
Awards: Worldwide  
Mode: PSK63  
Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m  
Classes: Single Op All Band; Single Op Single Band; Multi-Op

Exchange: EA: RSQ and province code; non-EA: RSQ and serial no  
Work stations: Once per band  
QSO Points: (see rules)  
Multipliers: Once each band (see rules)  
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults  
Submit logs by: 26 March 2018  
E-mail logs to: (none)  
Upload log at: <http://concursos.ure.es/en/logs/>  
Mail logs to: (none)  
Find rules at: <http://concursos.ure.es/en/eapsk63/bases/>

TESLA Memorial HF CW Contest  
18:00 UTC 10 March to 05:59 UTC 11 March  
Geographic Focus: Worldwide  
Participation: Worldwide  
Awards: Worldwide  
Mode: CW  
Bands: 80 m Only  
Classes: Single Op - QRP, low or high; Multi-One  
Max power: HP: 1 500 watts; LP: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts  
Exchange: RST, serial no and 4-character grid square  
QSO Points: 1 point per km per QSO; 90 points per QSO with same grid square  
Multipliers: (none)  
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points  
Submit logs by: 23:59 UTC 16 March 2018  
E-mail logs to: [tesla@radiosport.org.rs](mailto:tesla@radiosport.org.rs)  
Upload log at: <http://www.radiosport.org.rs/HFTes-laMemorial/index.php/log-submitting-service/13>  
Mail logs to: (none)  
Find rules at: <http://www.radiosport.org.rs/HFTes-laMemorial/index.php/rules>

QCWA QSO Party  
18:00 UTC 10 March to 18:00 UTC 11 March  
Geographic Focus: Worldwide  
Participation: Worldwide  
Awards: Worldwide  
Mode: CW/Digital, Phone  
Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6 m  
Classes: CW/Digital Only; Phone Only; Mixed  
Exchange: last 2 digits of year first licensed, name and state, province, country or QCWA chapter  
Work stations: Once per band per mode  
QSO Points: 1 point per phone QSO; 2 points per CW/digital QSO; 100 bonus points for each QSO with W2 mM on each band and mode  
Multipliers: (see rules)  
Score Calculation: Total score = (total QSO points x total mult points) and bonus points  
Submit logs by: 10 April 10, 2018  
E-mail logs to: [w2od@aol.com](mailto:w2od@aol.com)

Mail logs to: W2OD, Robert Buus, 8 Donner Street,  
Holmdel N.J. 07733-2004, USA  
Find rules at: <http://www.qcwa.org/2018-qso-party-rules.pdf>

#### Idaho QSO Party

19:00 UTC 10 March to 19:00 UTC 11 March  
Geographic Focus: United States/Canada state/province QSO party  
Participation: Worldwide  
Awards: Worldwide  
Mode: CW, Phone, Digital  
Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m  
Classes: Single Op - CW, phone, digital or mixed - QRP, low or high; Multi-Single - CW, phone, digital or mixed - QRP, low or high; Multi-Multi - CW, phone, digital or mixed - QRP, low or high; Mobile/Rover - CW, phone, digital or mixed - QRP, low or high; School - CW, phone, digital or mixed - QRP, low or high  
Max power: HP: >150 watts; LP: 150 watts; QRP: 5 watts  
Exchange: ID: RS(T) and County; non-ID: RS(T) and state, province or country  
Work stations: Once per mode per band  
QSO Points: 1 point per SSB QSO; 2 points per CW/digital QSO  
Multipliers: ID: Each state, province and country once per mode; non-ID: Each ID county once per mode  
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults  
Submit logs by: 10 April 2018  
E-mail logs to: [ldqplogs@msn.com](mailto:ldqplogs@msn.com)  
Mail logs to: KARS - IDQP Logs, PO Box 1765, Hayden, ID 83835-1765, USA  
Find rules at: <http://ida-hoarri.info/qsoparty/rules.htm>

#### QRP ARCI Spring Thaw SSB Shootout

22:00 - 23:00 UTC 10 March  
Geographic Focus: Worldwide  
Participation: Worldwide  
Awards: Worldwide  
Mode: SSB  
Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m  
Classes: All Band; Single Band; High Bands; Low Bands  
Exchange: RS, state, province or country and ARCI number or power  
Work stations: Once per band  
QSO Points: 5 points per QSO with ARCI member; 4 points per non-member QSO with different continent; 2 points per non-member QSO with same continent; Bonus points: 5 000 for battery power portable with temporary antenna  
Multipliers: Each state, province, country once per band

Power Mult: >10 W = 1 x, 1 – 10 W = 7 x, 250 mW – 1 W = 10 x, 55 – 250 mW = 15 x, <55 mW = 20 x  
Score Calculation: Total score = (total QSO points x (state mults and province mults and country mults) x power mult) and Bonus points  
Submit logs by: 24 March 2018  
E-mail logs to: (none)  
Upload log at: <http://www.grpcontest.com>  
Mail logs to: (none)  
Find rules at: <http://www.grparci.org/contests/>

#### North American RTTY Sprint

00:00 - 04:00 UTC 11 March  
Geographic Focus: North America  
Participation: Worldwide  
Awards: North America  
Mode: RTTY  
Bands: 80, 40, 20 m  
Classes: Single Op - QRP, low or high  
Max operating hours: 4 hours  
Max power: HP: 1 500 watts; LP: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts  
Exchange: other station's call, your call, serial no, your name and your state, DC, province or country  
Work stations: Once per band  
QSO Points: NA station: 1 point per QSO; non-NA station: 1 point per QSO with an NA station  
Multipliers: Each US state/DC (including KH6/KL7) once; Each VE province/territory once; Each North American country (except W/VE) once  
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults  
Submit logs by: 04:00 UTC 18 March 2018  
E-mail logs to: (see rules, web upload preferred)  
Upload log at: <http://www.ncjweb.com/sprintlogs-submit/>  
Mail logs to: Ed Muns, W0YK, PO Box 1877, Los Gatos, CA 95031-1877, USA  
Find rules at: <http://ncjweb.com/Sprint-Rules.pdf>

#### Wisconsin QSO Party

18:00 UTC 11 March to 0100Z, Mar 12  
Geographic Focus: United States/Canada state/province QSO party  
Participation: Worldwide  
Awards: Worldwide  
Mode: CW/Digital, Phone  
Bands: All, except WARC  
Classes: Single Op - fixed, mobile or rookie - QRP, low or high; Multi-Op - fixed or mobile - QRP, low or high; Multi/Multi - fixed or mobile - QRP, low or high  
Max power: HP: >150 watts; LP: 150 watts; QRP: 5 watts  
Exchange: WI: county; non-WI: state, province or country  
Work stations: Once per band per mode



QSO Points: 1 point per Phone QSO; 2 points per CW/Digital QSO; Bonus Points: 500 points for mobiles for each county from which you make at least 12 QSOs; 100 points for each band/mode QSO with W9FK

Multipliers: WI Stations: WI counties, states, provinces once; Non-WI Stations: WI counties once

Power mults: HP x 1.0, LP x 1.5, QRP x 2.0

Score Calculation: Total score = (total QSO points x power mult x total mults) and bonus points

Submit logs by: 25 March 2018

E-mail logs to: [wqjp-logs@warac.org](mailto:wqjp-logs@warac.org)

Mail logs to: Wisconsin QSO Party, West Allis Radio Amateur Club, PO Box 1072, Milwaukee, WI 53201, USA

Find rules at: <http://www.warac.org/wqjp/wqjp.htm>

WAB 3,5 MHz Phone

18:00 - 22:00 UTC 11 March

Geographic Focus: Worldwide

Participation: Worldwide

Awards: Worldwide

Mode: SSB

Bands: 80 m Only

Classes: Single Op - fixed, mobile or portable); Multi-Op - fixed, mobile or portable); Low Power; SWL - fixed, mobile or portable)

Max power: non-Low: >10 watts; Low: 10 watts

Exchange: British Isles: RS, serial no and WAB square;

Other: RS, serial no and country

QSO Points: (see rules)

Multipliers: (see rules)

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 1 April 2018

E-mail logs to: [g3xkt@worked-all-britain.org.uk](mailto:g3xkt@worked-all-britain.org.uk)

Mail logs to: Tony Beardsley, G3XKT, 14 York Avenue, Sandiacre, Nottingham NG10 5HB, United Kingdom

Find rules at: <http://wab.intermip.net/Contests.php>

4 States QRP Group Second Sunday Sprint

00:00 - 02:00 UTC 12 March

Geographic Focus: North America

Participation: Worldwide

Mode: CW, SSB

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m

Classes: Single Op

Exchange: Member: RS(T), state, province or country and member no; Non-member: RS(T), state, province or country and power

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO with non-member; 2 points per QSO with member

Multipliers: (none)

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points

Submit logs by: 14 March 2018

E-mail logs to: (none)

Post log summary at: <http://qrptest.com/4sqrp>

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at:

[http://www.4sqrp.com/SSS/sss\\_rules.pdf](http://www.4sqrp.com/SSS/sss_rules.pdf)

## Next Week's Contests

CLARA Chatter Party, 17:00 UTC 13 March to 17:00 UTC 14 March

17:00 UTC 17 March to 17:00 UTC 18 March

QRP Fox Hunt, 01:00 - 02:30 UTC 14 March

Phone Fray, 02:30 - 03:00 UTC 14 March

CWops Mini-CWT Test, 13:00 - 14:00 UTC and 19:00 - 20:00 UTC 14 March and 03:00 - 04:00 UTC 15 March

RSGB 80 m Club Championship, CW, 20:00 - 21:30 UTC 14 March

QRP Fox Hunt, 01:00 - 02:30 UTC 16 March

NCCC RTTY Sprint, 01:45 - 02:15 UTC 16 March

NCCC Sprint, 02:30 - 03:00 UTC 16 March

BARTG HF RTTY Contest, 02:00 UTC 17 March to 02:00 UTC 19 March

Russian DX Contest, 12:00 UTC 17 March to 12:00 UTC 18 March

Louisiana QSO Party, 14:00 UTC 17 March to 02:00 UTC 18 March

Virginia QSO Party, 14:00 UTC 17 March to 04:00 UTC 18 March and 12:00 - 24:00 UTC 18 March

Feld Hell Sprint, 20:00 - 21:59 UTC 17 March

UBA Spring Contest, SSB, 07:00 - 11:00 UTC 18 March

Run for the Bacon QRP Contest, 01:00 - 03:00 UTC 19 March

Bucharest Contest, 18:00 - 20:59 UTC 19 March

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